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SUBJECT: LABOR CENTER ELECTIONS

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1. REFTEL REPORTED RESULTS OF ELECTIONS FOR 30-MEMBER ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THESSALONIKI LABOR CENTER WHICH GAVE PRO-GOVERNMENT "NON-ALIGNED TRADE UNION DEMOCRATIC COALITION" (ASDIS) 12 SEATS, "REFORMIST" GROUP OF LABOR LEADERS FROM JUNTA PERIOD 11 SEATS, AND MIXTURE OF LEFTIST-AFFILIATED LABOR GROUPS 7 SEATS. ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL WAS TO MEET LATER TO ELECT ITS GOVERNING COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

2. THESE ELECTIONS WERE HELD EVENING FEB. 18 AND RESULTED IN SHUTOUT OF REFORMIST GROUP THROUGH COMPLETE COOPERATION OF ASDIS AND LEFTIST MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL. TEN-MEMBER GOVERNING COUNCIL IS ENTIRELY ASDIS AND SIX-MEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS 2 ASDIS AND 2 PASKE (PASOK) MEMBERS, AND ONE EACH FROM KKE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR AFFILIATED UNIONS.

3. RESULTS MUST BE SHOCK TO REFORMIST GROUP. AS LATE AS FEB. 12, KEY MEMBER OF REFORMIST GROUP AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THESSALONIKI LABOR CENTER DURING JUNTA PERIOD WAS TELLING US THAT 11 SEATS WON BY REFORMIST GROUP IN ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL.

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COUNCIL WERE VINDICATION OF THEIR LEADERSHIP DURING SEVEN YEARS.

WITH THIS STRENGTH, HE WENT ON, REFORMIST GROUP DID NOT  
HAVE TO COOPERATE WITH ASDIS IN GOVERNING COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE ELECTIONS, ALTHOUGH IT WAS WILLING TO DO SO,  
BECAUSE PRO-GOVERNMENT ASDIS WOULD NEVER UNITE WITH THE LEFTISTS  
AGAINST THE "REFORMISTS". HE WAS WRONG, BUT IT REMAINS TO  
BE SEEN WHETHER PRO-GOVERNMENT/LEFTIST COALITION WILL HOLD UP  
WHEN REAL ISSUES HAVE TO BE DECIDED OR THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
COUNCIL WILL SPLIT INTO SEPARATE PRO-GOVERNMENT REFORMIST  
AND LEFTIST CAMPS.  
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